

Please replace the text at page 74, line 23 through line 28 and page 75, line 1 through line 3 with the following text:

Murine genomic and EST DNA databases were screened and certain clones were identified as containing homology to hCRF2-12. Based on this homology, the murine sequences containing sequences encoding the amino and carboxy terminal CRF-2-12 sequences were defined. Primers corresponding to the ends 5' and 3' ends of the ORF - ms15-6 (GGAAGTCTGGTTGCCAGACAAGCACAC) (SEQ ID NO:38) and primer ms53-5 (reverse complement of CAAGGAGAGATGTGTGCAGATTCCATGA) (SEQ ID NO:39), respectively, were synthesized and used as primers in a PCR reaction. DNA products from these PCR reactions were cloned into pCRII TOPO vector by TA cloning and the plasmids were sequenced. The DNA and protein sequences are shown in Tables 7 and 8, respectively.

*Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up version of the specification showing the changes made appears as Appendix A of this Amendment.*

#### **REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the text to insert the appropriate SEQ ID NOs corresponding to the sequence listing submitted with the Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirement, mailed February 13, 2002. The amendment is made for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and not in response to any ground or reason of patentability presented by the USPTO. *With these modifications, no new matter is added to the Specification.*